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THE DAILY NOVELETTE

Bertha Goes to the Dance
By Jane Osborn

IT WAS the day before the all-im-
portant junior ball at Tilton Col-
lege. On the "spare room" bed in the
Denby farmhouse lay the pink chiffon
frocks that Bertha had bought for the
great event. Silver slippers and stock-
ings lay beside it and the band of pink
roses that were to hold her hair-
curls low on her forehead.

The whole house was in an air of ex-
pectancy and even the cows and chickens
in the barnyard and pasture must
have suspected that something was in
the air from the happy, pre-occupied air
of Bill Denby, gruff and usually in-
different as he went about his daily
chores. Bill Denby was Bertha's broth-
er, her elder by ten years, who, though
he avoided society himself, never
seemed more content than when his
pretty sister was included in the festi-
vities at nearby Tilton College.

Then George Fulton came with the
news that changed all this air of pleas-
urable expectation to one of gloom and
dejection. George found Bertha in the
kitchen, her hair curling, her face
caked with powder. He sat down morosely
on a stool beside her and kept his eyes
upon the mixing spoon rather than on
Bertha's face.

"I've done the thing that seems most
honorable," he announced. "It means
that I can't take you to the ball." And
with much faltering and many hesita-
tions he proceeded.

"Last summer I met a girl who lives
out in Wyoming. She was a little
older and I didn't even care for her
except as a good pal. We played
tennis together and went swimming
parted. I was to go to my junior
ball with me. I just said it that way—
"You must go to my junior ball with
me," and she said "All right."

"I wrote or not. This morning I had
a letter from her. It was a long one.
You will see it just says: 'I'm coming
for the ball. Will arrive at 5 Friday.
Arrange somewhere for me to stay for
two or three days and meet me at the
station. I know you haven't forgotten
your invitation yet.'"

"It's too late to prevent her coming
—she is almost here. I didn't know
what to do. Of course, I want to take
made up my mind that the right thing
for a fellow to do in the circumstances
was to go to the girl he really cared
for, the one who—well, the one who
trusted him and understood him—and
tell her. There will be a lot more
dances for us to go to, and as I'm
chairman of the Ball Committee we
couldn't have a very good time anyway
I'll be so busy thinking about the mu-
sicians and their and everything else
Bertha had not quite come up to the
part George had given her to play so
well as he expected her to do. She had
assured him that she didn't care about
the dance. But there was an air of de-
fiance in her tone, and when she
snapped her fingers to show him how
little she did care George saw only the
fire that lighted in her eyes and not the
tears that were ready to burst forth
behind the fire.

It was not till George had gone and
Bertha had come to nurse her grief in
sight of the pink frock laid out so
neatly that she really did permit those
tears to flow. Bill Denby, who had
looked in vain for his sister down-
stairs, found her there in the spare
room. Bertha explained.

"It's lucky I wasn't there," said Bill.
"I'd have broken his neck for him. The
coward the day—"

Bertha clapped her hand over Bill's
mouth and would hear no more.
"I don't care so much about going
with him," she fibbed, "but I wanted
to wear the dress. I never had such a
pretty dress before." She raised the
flirt of pink roses to her hair.
"Aren't they pretty?" she asked. And
then Bill was ready to shed tears him-
self.

"Go with some one else," he said.
"There were other fellows that would
have taken you."

"Yes, but they all have girls of their
own now. There isn't a junior or a
senior who hasn't got some sort of girl,
and the underclassmen aren't allowed
to go."

"Can outsiders go?" asked Bill.
"Not unless they are graduates of
Tilton. They don't mind outsiders, but
there isn't room enough for everybody,
but I don't know any one to go with,
anyway. Men are so scarce nowa-
days."

"I'm a man," announced Bill, and
it was all Bertha could do not to ex-
press her dismay at the thought that
this big, heavily booted, callous-fingered
brother of hers, who had never
gone to college, who would do all
society, should think of himself as a
possible dance escort.

"I'll take you," he said firmly.
"But they won't let you in—you're
an outsider."

"See here," said Bill, shaking a de-
fiant finger in her face, "you said this
George is the boss of the dance. I'll
show him I'm no outsider. This time
I'm going and he's going to let me in.
That's the least he can do."

In the thirty hours that were to elapse
before the dance Bill found only a few
for sleep. There was a hasty trip by
motor to Tilton to get out of evening
clothes. It was eight years since Bill
had worn evening clothes, and he would
not listen to Bertha's suggestion that
the old ones would do. But Bill, in
possession of hard labor, possessed a
body that seemed to have been made for
ready-made evening clothes.

He came back with numerous bun-
dles of things here from the store. "I
got a new suit," he announced, "dancing
socks and everything. Now start
in an show me the steps. I left off the
year they were dancing the barn dances
and the Spanish fandango. I guess
things have changed a little since then."

The next evening at half-past 8, when
Bertha, dressed in her pink chiffon,
started off with her brother to Tilton
College, she was inclined to think that
this smooth-shaven, well-dressed young
man must be some one else than her
big, rough brother. He was an escort
that any girl might have been proud of.

Once or twice Bertha had tried to
back out. She had explained that since
all dance orders would be made up be-
forehand they would have new partners,
they would have to dance together all
the evening. "Well, have partners,"
retorted Bill, "all we want of them."
That seemed to settle the question.

In an uncomfortable moment for
Bertha at the door when the student
whose duty it was to receive tickets
barred the way and looked skeptical
when Bill said he would see the chair-
man of the committee, who would fix
things up for him. George came for-
ward, sensed the situation in a flash,
and escorted the Denbys past the dis-
mayed door committee.

George pressed Bertha's hand as they
passed to the corridor leading to the
dressing rooms. He was tongue-tied
when he tried to tell her how happy he
was. "When you have taken your coats
off," he told Bill, "get together and come
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